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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Director, FBIS

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FROM:

John H. Holdridge
Assistant Secretary *JH*

SUBJECT:

FBIS Analysis Report on Issues Behind Postponement
of Vietnamese Party Congress

I commend FBIS on the excellent analysis report on Hanoi's postponement of its Fifth Party Congress. Your report is an example of media analysis at its very best. I was particularly struck by the sharpness of the analyst's eye in catching the withdrawal of an apparently sensitive editorial from the September issue of the party theoretical journal. This evidence of serious disagreement within the Vietnamese Communist Party, particularly over the relationship with the Soviets, is obviously of major interest to us.

Please extend my compliments to all those who were involved in preparation of this report. I look forward to reading future reports on this subject as the March VCP Congress approaches.

John - a great job!
JH

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